THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No Objection Certificate to domestic air transport services was given to M/s Modiluft Ltd. on 29.2.2000 subject to certain conditions which, *inter-alia,* stipulated settlement of outstanding dues of agencies like Airports Authority of India, Customs and Oil companies and furnishing of certificate to this effect from them. The intimation of full and final settlement of dues by M/s. Modiluft has not been received in the Ministry of Civil Aviation so far.

However, M/s. Modiluft Ltd. has proposed that while the name of the company would continue to be M/s. Modiluft Ltd., the Brand identity may be permitted as Royal Airways and that the change in the Brand identity could not affect the execution of its liabilities nor change the status of the Company.

(b) The Income-tax payment by the company is nil during A.Y. 1998-1999, A.Y. 1999-2000 and A.Y. 2000-2001 because of loss returns field in all the three years.

Restoration of seniority of Inspectors of Central Excise Department of Jaipur

4216. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the Inspectors of 1972 batch of Central Excise Department of Jaipur Commissionery have been superceded on the grounds of diciplinary proceedings against them, despite having been acquitted by the Jaipur bench of Rajasthan High Court long back;

(b) if so, the reasons for not restoring their seniority;

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for this delay and gross injustice;

(d) if so, by when their seniority is likely to be restored; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. The seniority of Inspectors of Central Excise

of Jaipur Commissionerate has already been restored in the grade of Superintendent of Central Excise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply given in part (b).

(e) Does not arise.

Failure of Reserve Bank of India in its supervisory role

4217. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has failed in its Supervisory role over the functioning of a number of banks where banking channels were misused by vested interests for monetary gain;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to bifurcate the functions of R.B.I.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The recent irregularities reported in certain banks have occurred due to their non-observance of laid down Reserve Bank of India norms. It may not always be possible for the Reserve Bank to prevent such transgression of laid down procedures by the banks' own officials. Reserve Bank of India would no doubt be taking steps to strengthen their Supervisory mechanism to prevent recurrence of such misuse in future.

(c) and (d) No such decisions has been taken by the Government.

NABARD's Scheme for rural development in Assam

4218. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated by NABARD for the rural development in Assam;